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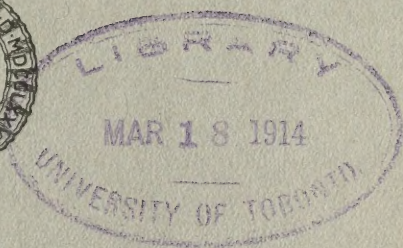
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It is with sentiments of profound gratification that your presiding officer is able to announce to you that during the period of twelve months ending November 30, 1913, the College continued to "pursue its career of honorable usefulness."

No special meetings of the College were held during that period. At the nine stated meetings there were present in all 658 Fellows, an average attendance of $73\frac{1}{9}$ —an increase of 12 over last year.

The records of the College show a gradual improvement in the average attendance at the meetings, which is due to several causes, but is clearly the manifestation of a growing interest among the Fellows. These statistics fail to indicate the actual number at our meetings, since many physicians not Fellows of the College have been present as our guests, attracted by the importance of the communications to be considered and discussed.

At these meetings twenty-four scientific papers were presented. In the reading of these seven gentlemen not Fellows of the College took part. Seven of these communications were illustrated by lantern pictures, and the greater number of them called forth interesting and illuminating discussion.

The scientific business of the College during the past year was of unusual interest and covered a wide range of topics. It acquired in several instances peculiar value from the presentation of the views of workers upon the same subject in different fields of endeavor in the form of symposia—a plan much to be com-

mended and worthy of adoption under suitable conditions in the future. This was the method employed in the very interesting papers of Dr. Edward P. Davis on "Thymus Death in the New-born, with the Report of a Case," and Dr. W. M. L. Coplin in "Mors Thymica: Morbid Anatomy and Pathogenesis;" also in the important communication of Drs. Morris J. Lewis and William J. Taylor, entitled: "The Treatment of Chronic Sciatica," and in the valuable communication of William A. Stecher, B. S. G., Director of Physical Education in the Public Schools of Philadelphia, who by invitation of the Committee of Public Health and Preventive Medicine presented an account of the methods employed in the physical development of pupils in our schools from the earliest ages and their more than satisfactory results, together with that of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, Professor of Physical Education in the University of Pennsylvania, on "Physical Education for the College and University," profusely illustrated by lantern slides. The "Symposium on Medicine in Surgery," by Drs. David Riesman and John H. Jopson, with the discussion by Drs. J. Chalmers Da Costa, M. Howard Fussell, Joseph Sailer, and John H. Gibbon, which attracted a large audience and was received with close attention and frequent applause is another example of this most instructive method of considering an important subject from several points of view. Finally the papers read by Drs. F. P. Henry, G. G. Davis, E. E. Montgomery, and Charles F. Nassau, on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Lumbar Sacral Pelvic Pain," constituted a composite communication not only most instructive and important in itself, but also an excellent example of this method of bringing a scientific subject before an audience.

This reference to the papers read during the year would be incomplete indeed were I to fail to remind you of the deep interest and manifest gratification shown by the Fellows in the communication of Dr. J. F. Schamberg and his co-workers entitled "Research Studies in Psoriasis;" Dr. G. G. Davis on "The Operative Treatment of the Results of Poliomyelitis;" Dr. Allen J. Smith on "Congenital Anatomical Anomalies of the Heart;"

Dr. William S. Wadsworth on "A Study of Recent Records of Tetanus in Philadelphia," and Dr. B. Alexander Randall on the subject of "The Mastoid Operation; Intervention for Empyema, Caries, and Necrosis of the Temporal Bone," and the others, which will form the subject matter of the forthcoming volume of the TRANSACTIONS.

On the evening of February 17, 1913, the seventh in the series of public lectures inaugurated by the College in the winter of 1910 at the suggestion of Dr. Weir Mitchell, was delivered in this Hall before a large and brilliant audience, by Dr. John K. Mitchell. Its title, "Kings, Cardinals, Astrologers, and a Physician—a XVI Century Practitioner," gave no hint that its subject was to be the great Italian mathematician, astrologer, and physician, Girolamo Cardano (Jerome Cardan), one of the most remarkable and interesting personages associated with the revival of science in Europe. This discourse was characterized by great historical research, a literary form not often reached by medical writers, and a keen sense of humor. Those present were most pleasantly entertained and carried away a lively and very vivid impression of the personal and intellectual activities of a conspicuous figure in the medical life, such as it was, of the Renaissance. It is earnestly to be hoped that these lectures will be regularly continued and that each year we shall have one or two of them. They serve the double purpose of keeping the citizens of this community in touch with the College and diffusing a knowledge of members of our profession who have been active in the making of the history of medicine.

The evening of April 14, 1913, was devoted to the seventh Weir Mitchell Lecture, which was delivered by Professor H. P. Armsby, of the Pennsylvania State College, Institute of Animal Nutrition, whose subject was "Animal Calorimeters and the Study of Nutrition." This lecture was abundantly illustrated by lantern slides and was highly appreciated by those present, many of whom were students of nutrition from the standpoint of human and animal physiology.

The lectures of this series have become an established institu-

tion of the College and constitute one of its most important functions. It is a gratification in this connection to be able to announce that the eighth lecture of the series will be delivered in this Hall on February 25, 1914, by Professor Harvey Cushing, of Harvard University, whose subject will be "Clinical Types of Dyspituitarism."

I cannot conclude this brief review of the scientific business of the College without expressing our sense of obligation and our appreciative thanks to the Committee on Scientific Business and the Committee on Weir Mitchell Lectures and their respective energetic and enthusiastic Chairmen, Dr. H. A. Hare and Dr. Alfred Stengel.

Volume XXXIV, Third Series, of the TRANSACTIONS of the College, which contains the papers read before the College from January to December, 1912, inclusive, is of unusual value. Our TRANSACTIONS are of great importance not only as containing the record of our work in permanent form and in a way an outline of the local medical history of our times, but also as presenting an epitome of the progress of medicine. They serve also a valuable purpose as the medium of exchange with other learned societies and medical libraries. The College is under a debt of gratitude to the members of the Publication Committee for their continuous able and most efficient work. The withdrawal of Dr. William Zentmayer, for many years the editorial member of the Committee, was received with general regret.

During the session of January 1, 1913, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell made a most interesting and suggestive communication "In Regard to the Surgeons who Fell at Gettysburg and the Marking of Hospital Sites"—a matter of great historical and patriotic importance, which has been taken up at Dr. Mitchell's suggestion by the War Department of the Government.

At the meeting of November 5, 1913, your President made some brief observations appropriate to the hundredth anniversary of the death of Benjamin Rush, one of the Founders of the College, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the most distinguished physician of his time, who died April 19,

1813. In this communication the Fellows were reminded of the generous gift to the College of the watch carried by Rush, by Dr. Robert Abbe, and his plan for the selection of a line of honorary custodians of this gift, the first of whom was Dr. Weir Mitchell.

The Library of the College continues to grow in importance and usefulness. The total number of volumes in the Library at the close of the College year, including the bound volumes and 8808 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions," was 101,340, an increase of 3537. Of unbound theses and dissertations the Library contains 11,227, an increase of 1104; of unbound pamphlets, 78,580, an increase of 3455. From all sources we received during the year 5391 volumes, 9760 pamphlets, and 20,798 numbers of journals. The individual donors number 504.

The number of new publications added to the Library during the year was 930. Of these 54 were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

The visits paid to the Library during 1913 numbered 8272, an increase of 943 over those of the preceding year. Of these visits 3952 were paid by Fellows of the College. The Library was kept open two evenings each week and on the six minor legal holidays. The total visits paid on these occasions were 977, an increase of 60 over the previous year. The number of books consulted in the Library amounted to 24,430, an increase of 7284 as compared with 1912. These figures include only the books supplied by the Librarian or his assistants. All visitors have access to the bound volumes on the shelves in the reading room and the Fellows have the freedom of the book-stacks. Many volumes are therefore consulted, of which no record can be kept. The number of volumes taken out during the year was 4483, an increase of 725 over the year 1912.

The total number of periodicals received was 1230, new subscriptions to American journals numbering 15, and to Foreign journals, 63.

The study rooms were in constant use throughout the year,

the average number of volumes called for and retained in these rooms being about 105.

The work of cataloguing new books and revising the catalogue is making satisfactory progress. It is earnestly hoped that the far-sighted and generous action of Dr. John B. Roberts in forming the nucleus of a Catalogue Endowment Fund will be appreciated by the Fellows, and that this endowment will in due course of time reach such proportions as to fully meet this item of expense in the maintenance of the Library.

The foregoing statistics demonstrate not only the steady growth of our Library, but they also make clear a corresponding increase in the disposition on the part of the Fellows and others to avail themselves of the advantages which it affords for the study of medicine and the associated sciences. The fear at one time entertained that the location of the new building would interfere with the use of the Library is now seen to have been ill-founded. The Library in its new housing is in every way safe as regards the care and preservation of the books and most acceptable for those who use them. It is, moreover, now clearly seen to be sufficiently convenient of access.

The following is a list of rare medical books, works of special interest, manuscripts, and other interesting and valuable gifts received by the College during the past year:

Incunabula

(Total number at this date, 174)

Albertus Magnus. De generatione et corruptione. Venetiis, Johannes et Gregorius de Gregoriis, 1495.

(Presented by Dr. James C. Wilson.)

Albertus Magnus. Liber aggregationis seu secretorum de virtutibus herbarum. Auguste, Johannes Schauren, 1496. This work is quite rare, a copy being seldom offered for sale, and it is in an excellent state of preservation.

(Presented by Drs. S. Weir Mitchell and James C. Wilson.)

Celsus, Aulus Cornelius. De medicina libri octo. Florentiae, Nicolao

(di Lorenzo), 1478. This is a superb copy of the first edition of this work.

(Presented by Drs. James M. Anders, Thomas G. Ashton, George Fales Baker, John G. Clark, John B. Deaver, Richard H. Harte, William W. Keen, S. Weir Mitchell, E. E. Montgomery, Sir William Osler, John B. Roberts, George E. de Schweinitz, James C. Wilson, S. Lewis Ziegler.)

Petrus Hispanus Pope John XXI. *Practica medicinae quae thesaurus pauperum nuncupatur*. Venecia, Giovanni Ragazzo & Giovanni Maria (da Occimiano), 1494. This is the first dated Italian edition of the most famous of the early popular works on domestic medicine. This edition appears never to have been seen by Hain, Copinger, Brunet, Jourdan, Choulant, Eberts, Panzer, and other bibliographers; and is not in the possession of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office. It seems probable that it is the only copy in this country.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

Savonarola, Giovanni Michele. *Opus medicinae, seu practica de aegritudinibus de capite usque ad pedes*. Venetiis, Bonetus Locatellus for Octavianus Scotus, 1497.

(Presented by Dr. Richard H. Harte.)

Works of Special Interest

Bacon, Francis. [Lord Verulam.] *Historie of life and death*. London, Okes, 1638. An excellent copy of a very rare edition. The "Bibliotheca Britannica" mentions one English edition of 1638, but without description; and Lowndes' "Bibliographers' Manual" gives an English edition of 1633 (which is, possibly, doubtful) and one of 1638, the description of which does not agree with this copy. The catalogues we were able to consult did not contain this edition.

(Presented by Drs. James C. Wilson and S. Weir Mitchell.)

Bertholon, Nicolas. *l'abbé. De l'électricité du corps humain*. 2 vols. Paris, Croulbois, 1786.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

Cardanus, Hieronymus. *Arcana politica*. Lugduni Batav., Elzeviriana, 1635.

(Presented by Dr. John K. Mitchell.)

Cardanus, Hieronymus. *De rerum varietate libri xvii*. Basileae, Petri, 1557. [First edition.]

(Fund for rare books.)

Caspar, Gaspar. *Historia natural y medica de le principado de Asturias*.

Madrid, Martin, 1762. This work contains the first printed account of pellagra, under the title of "Mal de Rosa." Fracensco Frappoli, in 1771, published an account of a disease prevalent among the Milanese to which the name of pellagra was given, which is sometimes quoted as "the earliest account given of pellagra."

(Presented by Dr. Joseph Sailer.)

Cheselden, William. Anatomy of the humane body. London, Cliff, 1713. [First edition.]

(Fund for rare books.)

Culpepper, Nicholas. Pharmacopoeia Londinensis. London, Sawbridge, 1683,

Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.

[Dallas, A. J.] Letter . . . relative to the late malignant fever. Philadelphia, Bradford, 1798.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

L'Ecole de Salerne. L'Art de conserver sa santé. Traduction en vers françois par B. L. M. Paris, 1766.

(Presented by Dr. Francis R. Packard.)

Fabricius Hildanus, Guilielmus. Observationum et epistolarum chirurgico-medicarum. 2 vols. Argentorati, Beck, 1716-1717.

(Fund for rare books.)

French, John. Art of distillation. London, Cotes, 1651.

(Presented by Dr. S. W. Morton.)

Gerarde, John. Herball, or generall historie of plantes. London, Islip, 1636. The first edition of this work appeared in 1597. Copies of any edition are scarce and difficult to obtain. What is called "a fine portrait of Gerarde" is presented on the engraved title page.

(Fund for rare books.)

Glaser, Christophorus. Traité de la chymie. Paris, 1663.

(Fund for rare books.)

Harvey, William. Exercitatio anatomica de circulatione sanguinis. Ad Joannem Riolanum filium. Cantabrigae, Danielis, 1649.

(Fund for rare books.)

Jenner, Edward. Further observations on the variolae vaccinae, or cow pox. London, Low, 1799.

(Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D.)

de la Motte [Guillaume Mauquest]. Traité des accouchements naturels. La Haye, Gosse, 1726.

(Presented by Dr. J. C. Reeve.)

Leoniceus, Nicolas. De serpentibus opus singulare ac exactissimum. Antonius de Benedictis, 1518.

(Fund for rare books.)

Opera nova nelle quale ritrovareti molti bellissimi secreti novamente.
n. p. n. pub. 1557.

(Anonymously presented.)

Quercetanus, Josephus. Ad veritatem hermeticae medicinae ex Hippocratis veterumque decretis ac therapeusi. Francforti, Richteri, 1605.

(Fund for rare books.)

Riverius reformatus, or the Modern Riverius. London, Wellington, 1766.

(Presented by Dr. Richard M. Pearce.)

de Robledo, D. A. Compendio cirurgico. Barcelona, Figuro, 1702.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

Wedel, Georg Wolfgang. Theoria saporum medica. Jena, Krebs, 1703.

(Fund for rare books.)

Manuscripts

Fothergill, Anthony. Copy of [his] will. [London, 1810.]

Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D.

Hairaullah Effendi. [Medical manuscript in the Turkish language, 17—.] This manuscript, in the author's own handwriting, is the work of Hairaullah Effendi, the first of a celebrated line of Turkish physicians, and chief physician of his era, in the 12th Turkish Century (18th century A.D.).

Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Mettauer, J. P. [Manuscripts.] 3 vols.

(Presented by Dr. George Ben Johnston.)

Norris, G. W. Record of all capital operations at the Pennsylvania Hospital (1836-1849).

(Presented by Dr. George W. Norris.)

Servetus Villanovanus, Michael. Christianismi restitute. Type-written copy of the pages which relate to the circulation of the blood (pp. 169-172) of the 1553 edition.

(Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Other Interesting Accessions.

Clay medical tablet, Assyrian, dating from the seventh century B.C. This tablet is of an extremely rare type, bearing in cuneiform characters a series of prescriptions for stated ailments, accompanied by prayers or exorcisms appropriate to accompany the medicine.

(Presented by Drs. S. Weir Mitchell and Richard H. Harte.)

Fuchs, Ernst. Photograph of a sketch.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

Jenner, Edward. Jenner's first inoculation with vaccine, May 14, 1796. A reprint of the painting by Gaston Mélingue, 1879.

(Presented by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz.)

Morgan, John. Miniature. Silver cigar cutter belonging to John Morgan.

(Presented by Miss Julia Morgan Harding.)

Reed, Walter. Portrait of Major Walter Reed.

(Presented by Dr. A. C. Abbott.)

Trinity College, Dublin. Photograph of the interior of the library.

(Presented by Dr. Richard H. Harte.)

Virchow, Rudolf Ludwig Karl. Photograph.

(Presented by Dr. A. Bern Hirsh.)

Harvey, William. Photograph of the statue of Harvey at his birth-place, Folkestone.

(Presented by Dr. Alfred Hand, Jr.)

An Oil Painting

Portrait of Dr. Charles T. Hunter, by Rittenberg.

(Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Moulton, the sister of Dr. Hunter.)

The collection of incunabula was increased during the year by five of these rare volumes. Among these the most important is the superb copy of the *Editio princeps* of Aulus Cornelius Celsus, *De medicina libri octo*, a fine large copy, bound in red morocco, gilt, Harleian style, by J. Clark. Florence, Nicolo di Lorenzo, 1478. This remarkable volume bears above the colophon the signature in fading red ink of *Georgii Antonii Vespucci liber*, the paternal uncle of Amerigo Vespucci, a dominican friar and savant, who gave public lessons to the youth of Florence. It was presented to the Library of the College at the suggestion of Sir William Osler by fourteen of the Fellows and must be regarded as the chief among the treasures of the collection.

During the year the incunabula were carefully looked over, repairs were made when possible, and forty volumes were rebound for their better preservation.

The collection of loose portraits in the library now numbers 1451, including 448 of Fellows of the College, properly arranged for ready inspection. This collection does not include the paintings, framed engravings, and mounted portraits in printed books and scrap-books. These are, however, all catalogued and the total number to be found in the Library is 5658. The entire collection has been obtained by gift or exchange. It is hoped that this mention of the subject will help to arouse the interest of the Fellows so that the collection may be augmented until the list of the portraits of the Fellows is complete and that of other physicians and surgeons may become a conspicuous feature of the Library.

The financial condition of the Library continues to improve. It was strengthened during the past year by the Charles A. Oliver Memorial Fund, \$806.14, by an addition to the J. Ewing Mears Fund of \$1000, and an addition to the John B. Roberts Catalogue Endowment Fund of \$500. The total amount of the Library Endowment Funds at the end of the College year was \$88,492.74, the income of which amounted to \$3807.59.

It is proper in this connection to add that under the will of our late Fellow, Dr. Louis A. Duhring, whose estate will probably be settled in the near future, the College will receive for the uses of the Library an endowment of \$5000, the income of which will be devoted to the purchase of publications relating to Dermatology; and one-fifth part of the residuary estate "for general library purposes." Nor can I refrain from alluding to the generous gift of \$15,000 on the part of Misses Fannie S. and Anna J. Magee and Mr. James R. Magee shortly after the December meeting for the endowment of a fund in memory of their late brother, to be known as the "Horace Magee Memorial Book Fund," the income of which is to be used in the purchase of works on Internal Medicine in any of its branches.

We may well be proud of our Library. In number of books of all kinds and in other possessions of historical value and importance it holds a very high place among the Medical Libraries of the world. The statistics to date are not available, but its place

is somewhere about sixth, perhaps fourth, upon the list. The fact that those which outrank us, like the Library of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, or our own Library of the Surgeon General's Office of the United States Army, are great municipal or government institutions, only serves to accentuate our success in its development and to stimulate us to renewed efforts to increase its power and usefulness.

At the February meeting the very valuable and interesting relics of John Morgan, consisting of a miniature and silver cigar cutter, gifts of Miss Julia Morgan Harding, were presented to the College by Dr. George Fales Baker. At the same meeting the Assyrian Medical Tablet, dating from the seventh century B.C., the gift of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and Dr. Richard H. Harte, was presented by Dr. F. P. Henry, the Honorary Librarian.

This tablet has been deciphered and thoroughly studied by Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., who made it the subject of a most important discourse in connection with Babylonian and Assyrian Medicine at a recent meeting of the Section on Medical History. It is a matter of congratulation that arrangements have been made for the publication of Dr. Jastrow's lecture with photographic reproductions of the tablet in the *TRANSACTIONS* of the College.

At the November meeting a portrait of the late Dr. Charles T. Hunter, by Henry R. Rittenberg, was presented on behalf of the donor, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Moulton, by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz, who accompanied his presentation remarks with a brief but interesting sketch of our late Fellow. On the same occasion Dr. S. D. Risley read a memoir of the late Dr. Roland G. Curtin, and at the December meeting Dr. McCluney Radcliffe read a memoir of the late Dr. Charles A. Oliver.

At the December meeting the subject of a Roll of Honor of Fellows of the College who have served their Country in time of war, first suggested by Dr. Weir Mitchell in 1910, was again taken up for consideration and a resolution was passed by which a committee was appointed to review the work previously done and report to the College with the purpose of publishing a suitable

memorial volume. I cannot too strongly urge upon the Fellows the necessity of rendering every aid in their power to this Committee in order that this important matter may be brought to an early conclusion.

The financial condition of your College as set forth in the Treasurer's report, by Dr. George Fales Baker, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Acting Treasurer in the temporary illness of the Treasurer, Dr. John B. Roberts, is satisfactory.

The total assets of the College on December 1, 1913, were as follows: Real estate, at the valuation of 1912, \$561,091.16; invested funds, \$198,324.75, an increase over 1912 of \$6387.62, making a total of \$759,415.91. This total does not include the endowment of the Thomas Dent Mütter Fund for the Mütter Museum, amounting to about \$30,000, nor the Nathan Lewis Hatfield Prize Fund, now nearly \$9000, both of which are held in trust for special purposes by separate Boards of Trustees appointed by the Founders.

The actual income of the College, excluding income of Trust Funds for special purposes, but comprising the proceeds from subscriptions, annual contributions, receipts of the Hall Committee, and the Nurses' Directory for the year 1913 amounted to \$28,529.89, while the expenditures amounted to \$29,223.65. The unexpended balance to the credit of the College, other than trust funds, permanent fund, building fund, and subscriptions, was on December 1, 1913, \$895.34.

A summary of the receipts of the Treasurer, as per cash book, December 1, 1913, shows:

Balance on hand December 1, 1912	\$21,205.76
Receipts (subscriptions, "trust funds," cash from the sale of securities for trust funds)	41,436.15
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	\$62,641.91
Expenditures (disbursements of the Treasurer, including income from "trust funds" and cash paid for securities for the "trust funds")	46,889.10
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Balance on hand	\$15,752.81

It is right in this connection to state that the securities in the custody of the Pennsylvania Trust Company have within a few days been inspected by the proper officers of the College and found to correspond to the Treasurer's list in every particular.

The committee having charge of the utilization of the lot of ground conveyed to the College by Mr. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., for a suitable memorial to our late Vice-President, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, has completed its labors and transferred the custody of the garden to the keeping of the Hall Committee. The annually recurring beauty of this memorial will not only give pleasure to every one beholding it, but it will also symbolize our affectionate remembrance of a colleague who long and faithfully served the College, and our high appreciation of the friend whose generosity enabled us to create this monument to his memory.

The Finance Committee and the Hall Committee have discharged their responsible and exacting duties with untiring vigilance and sound judgment. The thanks of the College are tendered to the Fellows composing them, to Mr. Charles Perry Fisher, Librarian and Superintendent, to Miss Zelner, the keeper of the accounts, and to Miss Brown, the secretary of the Nurses' Directory. The condition of the building and all its departments, and in particular the efficient management of the Library, bear the fullest testimony to the untiring zeal, the ability, and the organization of our official staff.

The Committee on Public Health and Preventive Medicine has, under the chairmanship of Dr. James M. Anders, justified its organization among the standing committees. There is abundant opportunity for it to continue its work in asserting the influence of the medical profession through the College and serving the city and State in all questions of the public health.

The Committee on the Alvarenga Prize has been unable to make an award, no essay worthy of the prize having been presented.

The Committee on the Nathan Lewis Hatfield Memorial Prize has thus far received no essay worthy of the award. This fund of \$6000, endowed in 1898, has accumulated until it now amounts

to nearly \$9000. On two occasions only have essays of sufficient merit to receive the prize been submitted. For this reason, at the suggestion of your President, and with the concurrent assent of the donor, Mr. Henry Reed Hatfield, for himself and as trustee for the estate of his late brother, Mr. Walter Hatfield, the Trustees, the Committee, and the officers of the College, a supplementary Deed of Trust has been executed and placed upon record, enlarging the scope of the foundation so that under specified conditions the income may be used as a prize, or for an honorarium to lecturers, or both, and likewise changing its title to the Nathan Lewis Hatfield Memorial Prize and Lectureship Fund. This supplementary deed of trust will be printed in full in the forthcoming revised issue of the Charter and By-laws.

At the December meeting a letter from Dr. S. Weir Mitchell was read in which he made the presentation of \$1000 as an addition to the Weir Mitchell Entertainment Fund, and further stated that he hopes in time to complete the amount originally intended, \$10,000. The College by resolution accepted with thanks the generous gift of Dr. Mitchell.

At the May meeting the College approved of a Federation of the Medical and Scientific Lectureships in Philadelphia, under an agreement with the Rush Society for the Correlation and Support of Medical and Biological Lectures in Philadelphia. Under this agreement the respective lecture Committees select their speakers and determine the place, date, and other details of the lectures in their respective charge, but in addition report these arrangements to the Secretary of the Rush Society. The Society in turn undertakes to render assistance in advertising the lectures and under certain requirements to give them financial support. This federation will, it is hoped, increase the effectiveness of the lectures in Philadelphia without interfering with the autonomy of the respective organizations and aid all in securing increased publicity, attendance, and usefulness. The organizations thus far represented are the Rush Society, the College of Physicians, the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Pathological Society, and the Mütter Museum.

At the June meeting the Treasurer reported that he had received \$206 from individual Fellows as subscriptions to the Lord Lister Memorial Funds, and that in accordance with a resolution of the College this amount had been divided into equal parts, of which one part had been forwarded to the Glasgow Committee and the other part to the London Committee.

At the October meeting the College appropriated \$200 to defray the expense of a new edition of the Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws.

During the year the following important amendments to the Ordinances and By-laws were adopted:

An amendment creating the office of Clerk of the College, not necessarily a Fellow, defining his duties and stating that for these duties he shall receive such appropriate salary as the College shall from time to time determine.

An amendment providing for a quorum of not less than twenty Fellows as necessary for the election of officers or members of the standing committees of the College.

An amendment stating that non-resident Fellows shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the College.

An amendment declaring that no Fellow of the College who has been notified by the Treasurer that he is in arrears shall be eligible for any office or elective standing committee, nor permitted to vote at any general or special election of the College until his indebtedness shall have been discharged.

Three special committees were continued from the year 1912, namely, the Building Committee, the Committee on a Gown for the Officers of the College, and the Committee on a Design for a Banner for the College. No report has been received from these Committees during the past year.

In the course of the year just ended the College has lost by death eight Fellows:

Dr. William R. Dunton, elected a Fellow in 1860, died on May 14, 1911. Trained as a resident physician in the Pennsylvania Hospital and always interested in its welfare, he early

entered practice in Germantown, where he achieved a successful and most fortunate career. Surviving his contemporaries, he retired to an estate at Montrose, Pennsylvania, where he ended an honorable and useful life so peacefully that his death was unknown to his Fellows of the College until more than a year had elapsed.

Dr. William R. Hoch, elected a Fellow in 1894, died on December 7, 1912.

Dr. Orville Horwitz, elected a Fellow in 1888, died January 28, 1913. An accomplished and successful surgeon, his abilities were recognized early in life and he was honored in rapid succession with appointments as Professor of Genito-Urinary Surgery in the Jefferson Medical College, Surgeon to the Jefferson Hospital, to St. Agnes' Hospital, to the State Hospital for the Insane, and Consulting Surgeon to the Jewish Hospital.

Dr. Lewis W. Steinbach, elected a Fellow in 1892, died February 10, 1913. Not only an able practitioner of medicine and a surgeon of great skill, he was also a man of unusual general information and the most charitable disposition. As a teacher his success won the admiration and devotion of the classes of the Philadelphia Polyclinic, in which he held the post of Professor of Clinical and Operative Surgery. As Visiting Surgeon to the Jewish Hospital and to the Philadelphia General Hospital his influence alike upon patients and the resident physicians was that of a strong nature imbued with lofty sentiments. At a memorial meeting shortly after his death forty Hebrew Charitable Organizations of which he had been a member were represented.

Dr. George McClellan, elected a Fellow of the College in 1875, died March 29, 1913. Gifted with an enthusiastic love of art and unusual ability as a teacher, he early devoted himself to anatomy with great success. His *Regional Anatomy*, illustrated with remarkable colored drawings by his own hand, at once gave him an international reputation, which was increased by his *Anatomy in its Relation to Art*. He was early appointed Professor of Anatomy in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine

Arts, and later Professor of Applied Anatomy at the Jefferson College, positions which he held at the time of his death. For some years, until his death, he was Chairman of the Committee on the Mütter Museum. He was deeply interested in the College and a frequent contributor to its scientific work, his communications being always most interesting and suggestive. His sudden and almost tragic death made a deep impression upon the community.

Dr. Arthur Ames Bliss, elected a Fellow in 1894, died May 1, 1913. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, Dr. Bliss pursued a life of great usefulness and success in the specialty to which he devoted himself. Long identified with it at the German Hospital, he was Chairman of the Section on Otology and Laryngology in the College of Physicians at the time of his death. He was a judicious and skilful operator, but endowed with the wisdom to hold his hand when the occasion demanded it. His devotion to his patients was remarkable. He was an omnivorous reader, and greatly interested in the philosophical aspects of medicine.

Dr. Louis A. Duhring, elected a Fellow in 1871, died on May 8, 1913. Early interested in dermatology, he confined himself strictly to that specialty during his active professional life. His contributions to the subject were of the highest order and won for him great distinction both in this country and abroad. His books are of monumental importance, and learned societies in many countries conferred upon him the title of Honorary Member. His interest in the College of Physicians was life-long, and he made it the beneficiary of his will in a bequest to the Library for the endowment of a fund for the purchase of books on dermatology and an interest in his residuary estate for the general purposes of the Library.

Dr. Ralph S. Lavenson, elected a Fellow in 1908, died at Los Angeles, July 6, 1913. An earnest and ambitious student, he devoted himself to the study of morbid anatomy and pathology, receiving shortly after graduation the appointment of Assistant Demonstrator of Gross Morbid Anatomy in the School

of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and later that of Assistant Pathologist to the University Hospital. In 1909 he became Instructor in Medicine (on leave of absence), which position he held in 1910-11. His death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis, which developed while he was engaged in his laboratory work.

Five Associate Fellows died during the year: Dr. John S. Billings on March 11, Professor Sigismund Jaccoud on April 26, Sir Jonathan Hutchinson on June 23, Dr. Reginald Heber Fitz on September 30, and Dr. Charles McBurney on November 7.

Three Fellows have resigned and one forfeited his Fellowship. Twenty-three new Fellows have been elected. The net gain is eleven.

The roll of the College December 1, 1913, showed: Fellows, 467; Associate Fellows (American), 22; Associate Fellows (foreign), 17; Corresponding Members, 2; a total of 508.

The founders of this institution of learning builded better than they knew, how much better no one can know who has not made himself familiar with its wonderful history and its present splendid condition. It has become a great power for good in our local profession and its influence extends far beyond our borders. To be a Fellow is an honor. To have been chosen to be for the time your presiding officer is an honor indeed. I thank you for it.

